

THREE
DECLARATIONS,

FIRST,
THE DECLARATION
of the Lords and Commons assembled in *Parliament*.

VVith His *M A J E S T Y E S*
A N S W E R thereunto.

SECONDLY,
A declaration and Protestation agreed upon by the Grand Jury at the Assizes held for the County of *Worcester*, the third day of *August*, 1642. and assented unto by the High Sheriffe, the Lord *Coventry*, the Barons, Knights, Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen and Freeholders of the County of *WORCESTER* aforesaid.

Thirdly,
The Declaration of the Isle of
Wight to the *R F N G*
and PARLIAMENT.

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A
DECLARATION OF
 the Lords and Commons as-
 sembled in *Parliament.*

WHereas the King, seduced by wicked Counsell, doth make Warre against His Parliament and people; And for the promoting of that War, divers Forces both of Horse and Foot have been, and are leavied and raised by severall persons, and His Majesties good Subjects are most cruelly robbed, spoiled, and slaine.

To the end that no man may be misled through ignorance, the Lords and Commons declare, That all such persons as shall upon any pretence whatsoever, assist His Majesty in this War, with Horse, Arms, Plate, or Money, are Traitors to His Majesty, the Parliament, and the Kingdome, and shall be brought to condigne punishment for so high an offence.

Hen. Eljing. Cler. Parl. D. Com.

HIS MAJESTIES Answer to the aforesaid Declaration.

VVHereas a late Printed Paper, intituled a Declaration of the Lords and Commons, hath beene published and dispersed, whereby most presumptuously, and treasonably, all such persons are declared to be Traitors to Vs and the

Kingdome who shall assist Vs in Our necessary Defence, with Horse, Armes, Plate, or Money; Wee hope and are confident, that all Our good Subjects will with great Indignation looke on the Malice, Impudence, and Folly of that Declaration as proceeding from the Verome of such men, who can ayme at nothing but a generall Confusion of all Religion, Law, and private Interest. For, what Law can be in Force, when it shal be declared, That such who endeavour to preserve Vs from the Force and Violence of these who would murder Vs, are Traitors? VVe tell all the VVorld, and all men know, that whosoever Levies Warre against the Kings Person are Traitors, by the known Statute of the 25. yeare of King *Edward* the third. Let these men informe Our People, by what Law they are Traitors who assist Us for Our Defence: Except they can do that, (as every man knows they cannot) Our good Subjects will be no more affrighted from their Allegiance by such Declarations, then they will from their Religion, if these men should declare them to be Turks for observing the Booke of Common Prayers, or submitting to the Government of the Church; both which are equally grievous to these men, as Our just Power. And whosoever conceives himselfe to be bound by any oathes, for which he must answer to Almighty God, how ever he may escape the Judgement of the Law, will confesse himselfe bound by those of Allegiance and Supremacie, to assist Us at this present with Men, Horse, Plate, Money, or any way he shall be able: And whosoever values the Protestant Religion, the Law and Liberty of the Kingdome, and the freedome and being of Parliaments, will joyne in that assistance; and all such shall be as carefully Protected and Defended by Us, as Our own Life, Our Crown, or Our dearest Children. And We do hereby declare, That all such Persons as shall by pretence of any Authority whatsoever, assist the Earle of *Essex* in this Rebellion against Us, with Horse, Arms, Plate, Money, or any other way, are Traitors by the known Law of the Land, and by Gods helpe, We doubt not in time, they will be brought to condigne punishment.

The

THE DECLARATION

And Protestation agreed upon by the
Grand Jury at the Assizes held for the County of Worcester,
the third day of August, 1642.

WE do with all thankfulness, acknowledge our
selves very sensible of those sundry good Lawes
which through His Majesties great Grace and
Goodnesse, have been obtained for us this Parliament. And
we do no lesse rejoyce in His Majesties Pious and tender care
repeated by His gracious Declarations in print, and expressions
by letter read unto us, and all the County at this
Assizes, in open Court, to defend and maintaine the true
PROTESTANT RELIGION by Law established,
against Popish Recusants, Anabaptists, and all other Separatists.
And that the Laws of the Land shall be the Rule of His
Majesties Government, whereby the Subjects Liberty and
Property is defended: And that His Majesty will preserve
the freedom and just priviledge of Parliament, with all which
promises and expressions we are so abundantly satisfied, that
we do not any way distrust His Majesties Constancy in these
Resolutions. And we do declare, that we will be ready to
attend His Majesty in all lawfull ways, for the putting of the
County in a posture of Arms, for the defence of His Majesty,
and the peace of His Kingdomes. Therefore we do resolve,
according to our oathes of Supremacy and Allegiance, and
late Protestation, to adventure our lives and fortunes in de-

sence of His Majesties Royall Person and Honour, and the just Rights and Priviledges of Parliament, and the knowne Laws of the Land, and Liberties of the Subjects, That thereby the Distractions and Disturbances of His Majesties Kingdoms may be reduced to His Majesties Legall Government. And whereas the Grand Jury at the last Sessions, delivered a Petition, thereby desiring the exercising of the *Militia*, we utterly disavow it, as not agreeable to the intents or desires of us, or any considerable number of the said County. And we do hereby declare, that by the information which we have received from severall of the persons then of the Grand Jury, that it was not of their own framing, but contrived and prepared for them by some few persons, not well affected to the peace and quiet of this Countrey.

THo. Coventry.
Ed. Vernon. Vic. Com.
John Washbourne.

Robert Steynor.

Ed. Littleton.

Ed. Solley Major.

Henry Foord, Vic.

John Packington.

William Russell.

Henry Herberts.

Row. Berkley.

John Hambury.

George Street.

Francis Hincley.

John Slanton.

James Littleton.

Henry Ingram.

Joseph Wash.

Sam. Sandys.

Robert Wyld.

Henry Townshead.

Ed. Burrel.

Nich. Gower.

John Fleet.

George Savage.

George ymonds.

Ed. Dingley.

Anthony Palmer

Urban Eyre.

Francis Walker, Cler.

John Baion.

John Hunt.

Ed. Emes.

The Grand Jury of the Countrey
of WORCESTER.

Mar. Sandys.

} Coronet.

} Constables Capital.

T^{ho}.

<i>The Childes.</i>	<i>The Grand Jury of the County</i>
<i>Phil. Brace.</i>	<i>of the CITTIE.</i>
<i>John Dryccins</i>	<i>William Taylor.</i>
<i>Fran. Sheldon.</i>	<i>Francis Hughes.</i>
<i>Jo. Ewett.</i>	<i>George Brooke.</i>
<i>William Cliffe.</i>	<i>Rhys. Davis.</i>
<i>I. Clens.</i>	<i>The. Lyons.</i>
<i>Ed. Brode.</i>	<i>The. Powfrey.</i>
<i>Ed. Davies.</i>	<i>Rich. Sharman.</i>
<i>Tho. Chestle.</i>	<i>Francis Sharman.</i>
<i>George Middlemore.</i>	<i>William Gibbes.</i>
<i>Thomas Sanders.</i>	<i>Tho. Rea.</i>
<i>William Muckland.</i>	<i>Hen. Smith.</i>
	<i>Thom. Hill.</i>
	<i>Robert Sollers.</i>



The Declaration of the Isle of *Wight*, to the KING and PARLIAMENT. *August 18. 1642.*

VVE the Deputie Lievetenants and Iustices, the
Knights & Gentlemen of this Isle of Wight,
whose Hands are underwritten, have
thought it our Duty to God, to our Sovereign, Lord the
King, and to His Parliament: Upon Rumours now spread
amongst us, of tumult: likewise to arise in this Kingdome, to
declare to the rest of the inhabitants of this Island, and to
all others of His Majesties Dominions as followeth. First
that we will with our lives and estates, be assistant to each o-
ther in the defence of the true Protestant Religion established
in the Church of England, against all Papists, or other ill af-
fected Persons whatsoever. That

That we will unanimously joyne the uttermost of our endeavours, for the Peace of this Island, by protecting it by those Forces already legally substituted amongst us, and will admit no Forraigne Power, or Forces, or new Government, except his Majestie by advice of His Parliament: upon occasions that may arise, shall thinke it necessary to alter it in any particularers, for the good and safety of the Kingdome.
Dated the 18. day of *August*. 1642.

Iohn Oglander.

William Hopkins.

William Bowreman.

Stephen March.

Brutus Bucke.

Humphrey Turney.

Ier. Bret.

Henry Knollys.

Rob. Dillington Junior.

Tho. Leigh.

Edw. Morfeley.

Hugh Leigh.

Robert Dillington.

John Leigh.

William Oglander.

Bartholmew Burley.

Edw. Leigh.

John Meux.

Nicholas Weston.

John Richards.

John Burley.

Barthol. Leigh.

FINIS.

